

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**North Olympic Library System**  
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Readers from all corners of Clallam County are encouraged to share in the experience of reading the same book at the same time this fall as the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) launches Clallam County Reads 2019.

Free, fun, educational, creative, community-building events will be held October 1 through November 8, all revolving around the Clallam County Reads' title, *The Soul of an Octopus: A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness* by award-winning author Sy Montgomery.

Clallam County Reads is a community-wide initiative encouraging participants to engage in a common reading experience. It is an inspiring program that boldly celebrates reading, encourages meaningful conversations and fosters a sense of community.

### **About *The Soul of an Octopus*:**

*The Soul of an Octopus* explores the emotional and physical world of the octopus—a surprisingly complex, intelligent, and spirited creature—and the remarkable connections it makes with humans. A naturalist, documentary scriptwriter, and author of more than twenty acclaimed books of nonfiction for adults and children, Sy Montgomery's other works include *New York Times* bestsellers *The Good Pig* and *How to be a Good Creature*. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including lifetime achievement awards from the Humane Society and the New England Booksellers Association.

### **How to Participate**

Participating in the Clallam County Reads is easy! Simply stop by any NOLS branch location and pick up a copy in your favorite format, with its accompanying reader's guide. Additionally, a limited supply of free paperback copies to read and share or read and keep will be available at all four NOLS library branches beginning October 1.

## **Events**

A series of programs at the library and in the community will culminate with presentations and book signings by author Sy Montgomery. These free author appearances will take place on Thursday, November 7 at 6:30pm at the Sequim Branch Library and again on Friday, November 8 at 6:30pm at the Port Angeles Main Library.

Book discussions, art exhibits, live music, special storytimes, and other free events will also be happening in October and November. For a complete schedule, check your reader's guide (available at any NOLS location), visit [www.nols.org/CCR](http://www.nols.org/CCR), or call your local branch.

## **Limited Edition Library Card**

Don't have a library card? Need a replacement? Make a splash with a limited-edition octopus card! Beginning October 1, and while supplies last, octopus cards will be available at all NOLS locations.

## **More Information**

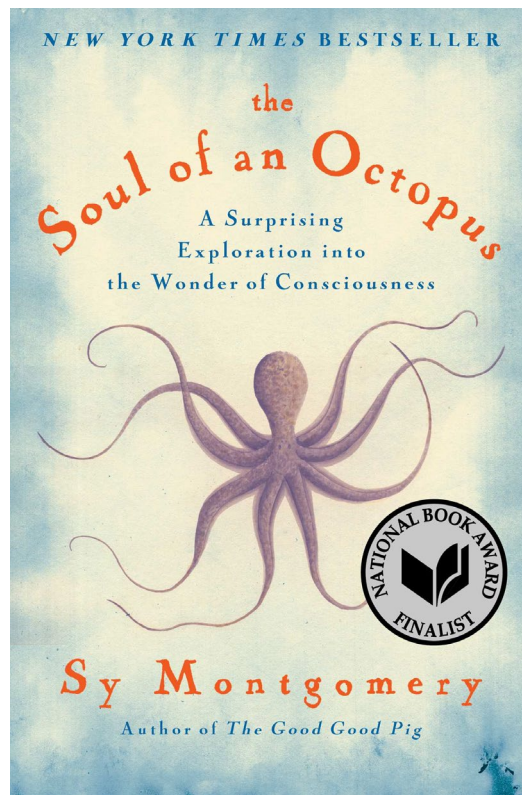
Clallam County Reads events and materials, including over 600 paperback copies of the book, are generously funded by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library, Friends of Sequim Library, Friends of the Forks Library, and Clallam Bay Friends of the Library. Additional community organizations involved in the planning and support of Clallam County Reads include: Feiro Marine Life Center, Olympic Coast Marine Sanctuary, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, Cabled Fiber & Yarn, First Federal Bank, Barhop Brewing & Artisan Pizza, Park View Villas, Port Angeles Senior Center, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library, and Mark'd Body Art.

For more information about Clallam County Reads, visit [www.nols.org/CCR](http://www.nols.org/CCR), email [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org), or call 360.417.8500. The Clallam Bay Branch Library is located at 16990 Highway 112 in Clallam Bay. The Forks Branch Library is located at 171 Forks Avenue South. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.

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One Book, One Community.



Clallam County Reads kicks off October 1, 2019.

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